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Senator David Tkachuk,
Chair of the Standing Senate
Committee on Internal Economy,
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February 22, 2013

Dear Sir;

Recently questions have been raised about my eligibility for the secondary housing allowance.

I filled out the Senate forms in good faith and believed I was in compliance with the rules. After reviewing all aspects of this matter, it turns out I may have been mistaken. To ensure that there can be no doubt regarding this matter it is my intent to repay the housing allowance that I have collected to date.

At this time, I ask the Steering Committee to provide me forthwith with the amount that must be repaid in order to settle this matter in full.

Further, I believe that the Senate rules and forms on housing allowances are ambiguous. I want to emphasize that it was always my intent to fully comply with the rules.

Sincerely,

Hon. Mike Duffy
Senator, Cavendish PEI



February 27, 2013

The Honourable Michael Duffy, Senator
The Senate of Canada
Room 367-E, Center Block
Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear Senator Duffy:

In response to your letter of February 22, in which you inform the Steering Committee of your intention to repay the housing allowance that has been paid to date, the detailed breakdown is as follows:

Fiscal Year	Amount Paid (5)
2008-2009	6,268.15
2009-2010	19,959.65
2010-2011	17,989.04
2011-2012	19,989.58
2012-2013	17,126.12
Total Capital	81,332.54
Interest	\$8,839.70
Total amount	\$90,172.24

The Steering Committee has established the interest to be paid at a rate of prime plus 1%, to be calculated annually on March 31. Accordingly, the total interest portion of the repayment is \$8,839.70. To reiterate, as of February 26, 2013 interest plus capital represents a total of \$90,172.24.

Sincerely,

Hon. David Tkachuk, Chair

c.c.: Hon. George J. Furey
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Dear Sir:

Following our informal conversation, Tuesday evening, I went through my files for January 2012. I discovered that through a clerical error, per diems were inadvertently charged for several days when I was not in the National Capital Region.

My regular staff person was away on maternity leave and a temporary worker processed that claim.

This claim was clearly not appropriate, and I will reimburse The Senate without hesitation.

If you feel it helpful, I will be happy to appear before your committee or sub-committee or auditors from Deloitte, to respond to questions on this, or questions about my residency in PEI.

Yours truly

Mike Duffy

Senator

Cavendish, PEI



April 25, 2013

The Honourable Mike Duffy
The Senate of Canada
Centre Block, Room 367-E
Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear Senator Duffy:

I was informed by the Clerk of the Senate on Saturday that Deloitte was in receipt of a letter dated April 18 from your lawyer, signed by you to me, explaining errors in your claim of January 2012. In the letter, you offered to meet with the Subcommittee (Steering) or auditors from Deloitte, if I felt it would be helpful. My office received the original letter on April 22, 2013.

At the outset of Deloitte's investigation into your claims, you and your lawyer were asked to provide additional documents and to meet with Deloitte. Despite repeated attempts, it is our understanding that no additional documents were provided to Deloitte nor did you or your lawyer meet with them.

We are now entering the reporting phase of the investigations and your offer to meet with Deloitte stands to delay the process. Steering has determined that there should be no further delays and is of the opinion that your concerns should have been addressed to Deloitte before the preparation of the report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Tkachuk".

David Tkachuk
Chair

c.c.: Hon. George J. Furey
Hon. Carolyn Stewart Olsen
Gary O'Brien